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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

Makoto Noda  
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entitled:   ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM

☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) is  
claimed and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been  
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The following are enclosed:

☒ Specification

☒ 20 Claims(s) (including 8 independent claim(s))

☐ Preliminary Amendment

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☒ 28 Sheet(s) of Drawings

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Basic Fee of \$770 (\$385) .....\$ 770.00

☐ Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$18 (\$9).....\$ 0.00

☒ 5 Ind. Claims in excess of 3 at \$86 (\$43).....\$ 430.00

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Assignment Recording Fee of \$40 .....\$ 0.00

☒ Certified copy of each of the following to  
substantiate the claim for priority:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
P2003-079556	March 24, 2003	Japan

17858 U.S. PTO  
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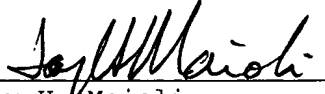


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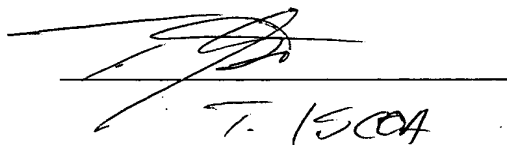
  
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